



News, Events and Information

Green Building in Columbus

A [case study](#) has been published highlighting the significant steps Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman has taken to enhance housing policy by making green design central to the \$22.8 million, federally funded, Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Based on the Green Communities Criteria, the City of Columbus and Franklin County were able to create the AWARE Manual which describes their specific green rehabilitation standards and sample specifications, to hand out to developers, contractors, and other partners.

Continuing to keep green building strong in Columbus, we invite you to join Mayor Coleman [at](#) Ohio's largest **Green Building and Business Conference** on April 14, 2010. Every year, several hundred building industry professionals come together to attend a diverse array of Green education sessions. The massive Tradeshow showcasing Green product vendors and service providers is free and open to the public. To register to attend or to become an event sponsor, please visit the [event website](#) for more information. Coordinated in part by Get Green Columbus.

Congratulations to Nationwide Insurance (280 N. High St.) for receiving LEED Existing Building certification! Nationwide met high standards for building sustainability, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality.

The Update: Earth Day 2010 in Columbus

Forty years ago pioneering activists launched a movement to fight for clean air and water - and put the environment on the map. Now it's time for The Update. For the fourth year in a row, Green Columbus is coordinating Central Ohio's Earth Day activities which this year features volunteer worksites throughout Central Ohio on Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 18 followed by a celebration at Franklin Park on Thursday, April 22. Highlights of the celebration include an upcycled fashion show, a video and photo contest, local bands, and kids' activities. Get involved today: sign up to volunteer, register a worksite, give a tree, or get your company or organization involved. For more information, please visit www.update2010.org. Sponsored in part by Get Green Columbus.

Businesses Save Money and Energy with Small Business Energy Solutions

Columbia Gas of Ohio has launched a Small Business Energy Solutions program to help businesses lower energy use by up to 30 percent, reduce utility bills and earn instant rebates for qualified energy efficiency improvements.

Small business customers (averaging 3,000 Ccf or less of natural gas use annually) of Columbia Gas that are considering improvements like upgrading insulation or replacing gas-heating equipment can go to ColumbiaGasOhio.com/SBES or call 1-877-644-6674 for a list of pre-qualified contractors that can install qualified energy efficiency improvements and provide instant rebates.

Rebates for qualified improvements include:

Small Business Energy Solutions Qualified Energy Efficiency Improvements	Instant Rebate
Tubular radiant space heater	\$350
Duct sealing and insulation	\$250
Replacement gas furnace \geq 92% AFUE,* gas boiler \geq 90% AFUE	\$200
Wall insulation per square foot (sq. ft.) installed	\$.25/sq. ft.
Attic insulation per square foot (sq. ft.) installed	\$.30/sq. ft.
Air sealing cracks, gaps, and holes	\$40/air sealing hr.
Infrared fryers for restaurants	\$175
Efficient pre-rinse spray valve	\$25
Programmable thermostat	\$25

* Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE)

For more ways to save at your business or home, visit ColumbiaGasOhio.com or call 1-877-644-6674.

Green Events & Activities

Get involved with the sustainability in the City of Columbus and Central Ohio by visiting the MORPC Green Community Calendar [online](#).

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